

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 60835, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. Pursuant to that regulation, Bureau staff has been searching state and county voter registration records in order to confirm that applicants satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth in article XXI, section 2, subdivision (c)(3) of the California Constitution and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 60819, subdivision (a) for serving as a member of the Commission. This is a report by Bureau staff concerning an applicant who appears not to satisfy the eligibility requirements.

Name of Applicant: Jamal J. Atiba.

Information: Applicant has not been registered continuously in California with the same political party or registered continuously in California as unaffiliated with a political party for at least five years immediately preceding the date that the first eight members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission will be selected by the State Auditor (i.e. November 18, 2010). According to records of the Santa Cruz County Elections Office, Applicant was registered to vote in Santa Cruz County as Decline To State on April 12, 2006, and according to records of the San Francisco County Department of Elections, Applicant then registered to vote in San Francisco as a Democrat on August 9, 2006. Bureau staff advised Applicant that voter registration records indicate he changed his party affiliation since November 18, 2005. Applicant responded by e-mail that he inadvertently did not include additional previous addresses on his supplemental application, and provided copies of a California Identification Card, Department of Motor Vehicles Change of Address Card, and a voter registration card from San Francisco County. However, none of these materials contradicted the information contained in the voter registration records.

Recommendation: Applicant be eliminated from the supplemental pool of applicants as he does not satisfy the eligibility requirement for serving as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission set forth in article XXI, section 2, subdivision (c)(3) of the California Constitution and California Code of Regulations title 2, section 60819. These sections require that to be eligible to serve as a member of the Commission an applicant must have been registered continuously in California with the same political party, or registered continuously in California as unaffiliated with a political party, and not changed political party affiliation for at least five years immediately preceding the date that the first eight members of the Commission will be selected by the State Auditor (i.e. November 18, 2010).

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